



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** North Cascades National Park

2. Project Description

Project Name: Reconstruct Portion of Company Creek Road WA2026-NPS-1 (Emergency Temporary Flood Repair Project)

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PEPC Project Number: 138319

Locations:

County, State: Chelan, WA

Describe project:

Refer to project description in CE form

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

The area of potential effects (APE) includes a roughly 500-foot road alignment (with about one-third of that being a realignment of the temporary road), encompassing all areas within which physical construction activities, including staging, access and water exclusion activities may occur. The APE begins in the west where the intact, 30-ft wide Company Creek Road remains surrounded by private property, heads east into the river where the road alignment existed prior to flooding, then curves to the south to gradually connect with the new temporary emergency road. The APE includes this area of new construction, as well as a 100-foot buffer in both directions of the proposed and existing Company Creek Road from its washout in the west heading east/southeast for a distance of approximately 0.5 miles. The APE also includes the existing extent of the Company Creek gravel pit plus a 300-foot buffer.

3. Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?

☐ No

☒ Yes

Source or reference: NOCA Historic Structures Inventory Update, SRI 2022; NOCA Historic Structures Inventory, Luxenberg 1984; NOCA Cultural Landscape Inventory, Gilbert and Luxenberg 1985; NOCA Cultural Landscape Inventory of Campgrounds, AHC 2024

4. Potentially Affected Resource(s):

Archeological Resources Present: No

Archeological Resources Notes: The portion of the APE where the road will be built has not been surveyed but has limited potential for in-situ archeological deposits. These areas, including the current river channel and the riverbanks, are located on landforms that are less likely to contain archeological resources due to their lower elevations and susceptibility to flooding and river migration. The areas have also experienced a high degree of disturbance as a result of scouring and deposition.

Other areas in and near the APE have been subject to limited survey and monitoring. In spring 2026, the NPS conducted limited emergency survey of the proposed staging areas and no resources were found. During construction of the existing temporary road just south of the proposed road, archeological monitors did not identify any notable resources. NPS also performed limited shovel testing on a series of elevated, flat river terraces (high probability landform) outside of the immediate project area, but no cultural materials were found.

Historical Structures/Resources Present: No

Historical Structures/Resources Notes: An initial parkwide historic structure inventory was completed in 1984, and an updated inventory was completed in 2022. The nearest National Register listed historic structure is the Courtney Cabin west of the project area along Company Creek Road.

Cultural Landscapes Present: No

Cultural Landscapes Notes: An initial cultural landscape inventory was completed in 1985. An updated inventory of campgrounds was completed in 2024.

Ethnographic Resources Present: No

Ethnographic Resources Notes: Specific resources have not been identified as such in consultation.

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

- ☐ No Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure
- ☐ No Replace historic features/elements in kind
- ☐ No Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure
- ☐ No Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)
- ☐ No Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape
- ☐ No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible
- ☐ No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible
- ☐ Yes Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources
- ☐ No Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources
- ☐ No Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

6. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

See PEPC Step 5 for further 106 documentation (e.g. correspondence)

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

No Reviews From: Curator, Archeologist, Historical Architect, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist, Historical Landscape Architect

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

_____	No Potential to Cause Effects
<u> X </u>	No Historic Properties Affected
_____	No Adverse Effect
_____	Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

Refer to Assessment of Effect Notes section below. Emergency Notification under Stipulation VII - Emergency Actions from 2008 Nationwide PA.

☐ **Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation**

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

☐ **Streamlined Review Under the 2008 Servicewide Programmatic Agreement (PA)**

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

☐ **Program Comment on Stewardship and Management of National Park Service Mission 66-Era Facilities (1945-1972)**

The above action meets all of the requirements of this Program Comment for Section 106 compliance and required documents have been uploaded.

☐ **Undertaking Related to Park Specific or Another Agreement**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a park, region or statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or 36 CFR 800.14.

3. Consultation Information

SHPO Required: No

SHPO Sent: Aug 25, 2026

SHPO Received:

THPO Required: No

THPO Sent: Aug 25, 2026

THPO Received:

SHPO/THPO Notes: Sent notification of emergency action on 8/25. SHPO provided concurrence with APE in WISAARD on 8/27/26.

Advisory Council Participating: No

Advisory Council Notes:

Additional Consulting Parties: No

4. Stipulations and Conditions: Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures: Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties: (Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

Required Mitigations - For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- Archeological monitoring required.
comment: There have been limited archeological surveys in the vicinity. The landform has potential for archeological resources; the potential increases farther from the river. The archeologist will follow the Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan provided by the park. The archeological monitor will stop work as needed to inspect soils and look for artifacts. In the event that an archeological site is identified, work must stop within a 30-foot buffer surrounding the find. The monitor will contact the Park Cultural Resource Program Manager who will then notify the Park Superintendent, the State Historic Preservation Office, and tribes. A work stoppage for an inadvertent discovery could last one day or more. However, if exigent circumstances occur and the Superintendent determines work stoppage may cause imminent threat to life or property, emergency archeological documentation will take place for a period of no more than 4 hours at which time construction will proceed as planned.

6. Assessment of Effect Notes:

Emergency Notification under Stipulation VII - Emergency Actions from 2008 Nationwide PA.

The project is not expected to affect any historic properties. There are no recorded archeological sites in the project area, and the highest probability landform is located outside of the project area, several hundred feet south of Company Creek Road. The NPS conducted limited emergency survey of this landform, a series of elevated, flat river terraces within the Stehekin River and Battalion Creek floodplains, in the spring. Three shovel probes were excavated, and no cultural materials were found. The portion of the APE where the road segment will be constructed lies either within the current river channel or along the rivers flooded banks which have experienced a high degree of scouring and deposition. These areas have very limited potential for in-situ archeological deposits. The portion of the road the county proposed to build will be built between the existing temporary road and the river is on landforms that are less likely to have resources, due to their lower elevation and susceptibility to past floods and river migration. The NPS surveyed the proposed staging areas in the spring and found no resources. Monitoring of the spring construction resulted in two historic-era artifacts (a bottle and an automobile part) in flood debris and one cedar tree with signs of girdling. The temporary road will be in a similar location and style as the destroyed road and should not cause any visual effects to properties within the viewshed.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Compliance Specialist:

NHPA Specialist

Sarah Killinger

8/28/26

Date:

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Signature

Superintendent:

Date:

Jason Taylor